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## WILL GREECE FIGHT?

Enthusiasm at Athens over the Cause  
of the Cretans.

## MISSION OF PRINCE GEORGE'S FLOTILLA

Letter of Justification Addressed  
to the Powers.

## MANY WARSHIPS AT CANEA

ATHENS, Greece, February 11.—The dispatch of the torpedo flotilla, commanded by Prince George of Greece, for the island of Crete, has caused the greatest enthusiasm among the populace, especially as it is stated that the prince has orders to prevent the landing of any Turkish troops on that island. It develops that it was the king who urged the government to dispatch the flotilla, and that Prince George had obtained the consent of Premier Delanias, he personally issued the orders in order to give additional effect to the proposals.

When Prince George embarked a salute of 300 shots was fired by the crowd ashore as a parting salute and the people assembled at midnight at the palace and gave their majestic ovation. The students at the same time paraded the streets, singing patriotic songs and cheering for the king and for the union of Crete with Greece.

## Filibusters From Athens.

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## The Dispatch Concludes with the Remark:

"It is possible that direct collision will occur between the Greek and Turkish forces."

## Greece Has Made Her Decision.

A dispatch to the Chronicle from Athens says that in the chamber last night Prime Minister Th. Delanias being interrupted regarding the mission of Prince George to Crete, he declared that Greece had decided to support the Cretans with arms, ammunition and supplies on a great scale. The first installment, it is added, sailed yesterday with 600 armed Cretans.

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## Justification of Greece.

The Athens correspondent of the Standard announces that Greece has addressed a note to the powers, justifying her action on the ground that it is a duty toward fellow Greeks. As showing the religious character of the movement for the union of Greece and Crete, it is announced that the departure of Prince George was preceded by a solemn Te Deum in the palace.

According to the Athens correspondent, the ambassadors of the powers are doing their utmost to prevent the port of Crete from being closed. It is said that the Greek fleet at Naples, which will be doubtful whether the ambassadors will succeed in their efforts.

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## Insurgent Leaders Confer.

The insurgent leaders have now assembled for a conference, and it is understood that a constitution and a provisional government will shortly be promulgated.

## The Greek corvette Maudslayi has arrived

at Heraklion.

## It is asserted that M. Dimitroff, the Bulgarian

diplomatic agent, has been intrusted with a specific mission to negotiate an agreement between Bulgaria and Greece for combined action in Macedonia.

## Pillage at Heraklion.

A dispatch to the Times from Cana, dated yesterday, says that the situation at Heraklion suddenly changed for the worse, the Mohammedans commencing to pillage the houses of the Christians. The authorities seem unable to exercise any control over the mob.

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preventing the departure of the Cretan foreign refugees by way of the sea. It is stated that the Cretan army is being recruited by sending one hundred Bosnians and Dalmatians to form a company of gendarmes.

## The Christians have established a cordon

around the town of Sitia, where conflicts occurred yesterday, three Mohammedans being killed.

## A serious state of affairs prevails at Retimo,

the Mohammedans refusing to allow the Christian refugees to depart. It is announced that the Cretan army is being recruited by sending one hundred Bosnians and Dalmatians to form a company of gendarmes.

## STAMFORD, Conn., February 11.—Mrs.

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## THE ARBITRATION TREATY

An Ex-Senator's Views of Its Chances for  
Ratification.

## Opportunities for Delay Afforded the

San Domingo Treaty.

An ex-senator, whose experience and observation entitle his opinions to respect in such matters, was asked by a representative of The Star today about the chances for the ratification of the arbitration treaty. "I have no inside information," was the reply, "and I can only speak from general report and from a comparison of one thing with another. The public does not fully appreciate the difficulty in the way of a treaty where senatorial opposition, though small at the start, is determined and well organized. The treaty must not only be pushed through at this session of Congress, but it must also be carried over to its ratification, but they must maneuver to bring the debate to a close. That is no light matter. There is no previous question in executive sessions of the Senate and there are no precedents in open session if there are good talkers in the opposition and they are disposed to improve their opportunity it is easily done. The doors are locked. Everything is free and informal. Senators may make themselves comfortable. They do so, and the talk goes on."

## The San Domingo Treaty.

"I remember distinctly the fight over the San Domingo treaty. That instrument had great strength at the start. Ratification seemed certain. Gen. Grant put his whole soul and the whole power of his administration into the contest. And, what was of almost equal value to the treaty in the Senate, its friends were under the active leadership of the great statesman, Mr. Grant. His heart was set on success, he exerted himself to the utmost to win. I was in favor of it."

## Persistence of the Opposition.

"The opposition, small at the start, was led by Mr. Sumner and Mr. Schure, both orators and parliamentarians, and both determined to defeat the treaty if possible. I have always thought that if we could have secured a vote within a reasonable time after the debate began we would have won the fight. But that, try as we might, we could not do. The opposition improved all of its opportunities for delay. The numbers against us grew. The story of the treaty was gradually reduced, and the treaty seemed to fade away."

## Opportunities Still the Same.

"Of course there is no comparison between the opposition in that case and the opposition in the present case. The opportunities presented. The San Domingo treaty to those who opposed it was objectionable altogether. They didn't want any part of it in any form. They denounced the whole proposition. As I understand the present case, the opposition is not so determined. The treaty is generally approved. The real contest is over the terms in which it should be reduced to legal form. But the opposition is still there, and there is still a possibility of delay. The treaty is still a long way from being reduced to legal form. The contest is still on."

## EX-QUEEN LILLOKALANI.

She is Somewhat Improved, but Not Entirely Recovered From the Grip.

Ex-Queen Lillokalanani, who has been confined to her apartments at the Shoreham for about ten days past by an attack of the grip, is reported today to be somewhat improved, but still not sufficiently recovered to go down stairs. According to her private secretary, Mr. Palmer, the ex-queen wills the time away with her music, her books and her correspondence, and does not find the days long or tedious.

## THE OHIO SITUATION.

Some Light on It